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SUBJ: PORT CONGESTION LAGOS

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1. STARTING FEBRUARY 5 PRIORITY BERTHING FOR CONFERENCE LINE SHIPS WILL BE DISRUPTED IN ORDER TO CLEAR QUEUE OF VESSELS IN LAGOS HARBOR. AS OF JANUARY 29, 1977 THE BACK UP WAS 85 SHIPS WITH 357,029 METRIC TONS OF CARGO. OF THE TOTAL, 258,000 TONS IN 65 SHIPS WERE NON-CONFERENCE. ANOTHER MEASURE TO CLEAR THE QUEUE WILL BE RENEWED TIGHTENING UP OF ISSUANCE OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES. ACCORDING TO REGULATIONS THESE MUST BE GRANTED TWO MONTHS BEFORE ARRIVAL OF SHIP IN PORT.

2. AFTER SEVERAL MEETINGS BETWEEN NIGERIAN PORTS AUTHORITY (NPA) AND A COMMITTEE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF CONFERENCE LINES, A SCHEDULE OF BERTHINGS HAS JUST BEEN WORKED OUT FOR FEBRUARY 1977.

THOSE BERTHS WHICH HAD BEEN EXCLUSIVELY RESERVED FOR CONFERENCE VESSELS WILL BE USED 50 PERCENT FOR NON-CONFERENCE VESSELS. FOR EXAMPLE, ON BERTH 9, HERETOFORE RESERVED FOR

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE SHIPS, 11,000 METRIC TONS OF CARGO ON TWO NON-CONFERENCE VESSELS AND 12,000 METRIC TONS OF CARGO ON THREE CONFERENCE VESSELS WILL BE UNLOADED DURING FEBRUARY. A SCHEDULE FOR MARCH WILL BE NEGOTIATED LATER IN FEBRUARY.

3. THE SAME ARRANGEMENT APPLIES TO THE HARBORS OF PORT HARCOURT AND WARRI.

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